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**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

The Los Angeles County (County) Domestic Violence Council (DVC) works to raise public awareness about domestic violence. By educating the public about services and helping to develop strategies with public and private sectors to stem the incidence of domestic violence, DVC supports agencies throughout the County of Los Angeles on how to prevent and respond to domestic violence.

The DVC, with the support of the Department of Public Social Services, works closely with numerous agencies and policy makers to provide awareness and education to victims of domestic/intimate partner violence and their children. It encourages collaboration among the County's domestic violence prevention/intervention

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organizations to strengthen victim-centered services and to identify resources to reduce the cycle of violence.

Domestic violence remains a devastating public health crisis. The DVC is committed to providing resources, bringing awareness and providing support to victims of domestic violence. Nearly one in four women will experience domestic violence, according to statistics from the National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence. Women comprise 84 percent of domestic violence victims, and those between the ages of 20 to 24 are at greatest risk. Most cases of domestic violence are never reported to the police. The work of DVC is needed to continue to bring awareness to the public and provide support to victims of domestic violence.

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Proclaim October 2013 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month throughout Los Angeles County, and encourage residents to visit <http://dvcouncil.lacounty.gov> for resources and information to educate and empower them on domestic violence issues and services as well as encourage women to seek out and access assistance and resources.

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